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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provide as follows:

Rule 158

The General Assembly shall appoint an expert Committee on Contributions consisting of eighteen members.

Rule 159

The members of the Committee on Contributions, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected on the basis of broad geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience and shall serve for a period of three years corresponding to three calendar years. Members shall retire by rotation and shall be eligible for reappointment. The General Assembly shall appoint the members of the Committee on Contributions at the regular session immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of the members or, in case of vacancies, at the next session.

2. The current membership of the Committee is the following:

Andrzej T. Abraszewski (Poland)*
Syed Yawar Ali (Pakistan)*
Fu Daopeng (China)***
Jean Pierre Diawara (Guinea)**
Gordon Eckersley (Australia)**
Mohamed A. Elshakshuki (Libya)**
Edward Faris (United States of America)*
Bernardo Greiver del Hoyo (Uruguay)**
Ihor V. Humennyi (Ukraine)*

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Kunal Khatri (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)***
Nikolay Lozinskiy (Russian Federation)***
Toshiro Ozawa (Japan)*
Pedro Luis Pedroso Cuesta (Cuba)**
Thomas Schlesinger (Austria)***
Henrique da Silveira Sardinha Pinto (Brazil)***
Ugo Sessi (Italy)**
Josiel Motumisi Tawana (South Africa)*
Seongmee Yoon (Republic of Korea)***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2015.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2016.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2017.

3. Since the terms of office of Mr. Abraszewski, Mr. Ali, Mr. Faris, Mr. Humennyi, Mr. Ozawa and Mr. Tawana will expire on 31 December 2015, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its seventieth session, to appoint six persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2016.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the seventieth session.